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1. ALL PAPERS JANUARY 6 HEADLINE DEPRIMIN/FONMIN FAHMY'S
JANUARY 5 FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS TO PEOPLES ASSEMBLY, FOREIGN
RELATIONS AND NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEES, WHICH INTER ALIA
CONTAINED FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF GOE POSITION ON ANGOLA:

QUOTE. PROCLAMATION OF ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE ON NOVEMBER 10,
1975, WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY EMERGENCE OF TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH
COMPETED WITH EACH OTHER OVER CONTROL OF THIS SISTERLY AFRICAN
COUNTRY WHICH IS RICH IN NATIONAL WEALTH AND HAS AN IMPORTANT
STRATEGIC POSITION. SOME COUNTRIES HURRIED TO SUPPORT ONE GROUP
AGAINST THE OTHER. EGYPT'S STAND WAS AND IS STILL BASED ON
WELCOMING ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE AND HER JOINING THE GROUP OF
INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES WHILE RESISTING FOREIGN INTERVENTION
IN ALL FORMS, PARTICULARLY THE INTERVENTION OF RACIST REGIME IN
SOUTH AFRICA WHICH EGYPT CONDEMNS AND CALLS FOR ITS IMMEDIATE
STOPPAGE. THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA MUST REMAIN A PURELY
AFRICAN AFFAIR AND SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE MUST BE
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LEFT FOR ANGOLIANS THEMSELVES OR FOR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS

TO BE EXERTED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF OAU. AS PRESIDENT SADAT SAID CONCERNING LEBANON, WE REPEAT THE SAME MOTTO TO CONFRONT THE BLOODY CONFLICT NAMELY; HANDS OFF ANGOLA. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FORMATION OF A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT REGARDLESS OF ITS IDEOLOGICAL AFFILIATIONS AND TRENDS SO LONG AS IT REPRESENTS A PURELY ANGOLAN TENDENCY SO THAT THE SOLUTION MAY BE PURELY AFRICAN AND NOT IMPORTED IN THE INTEREST OF ONE STATE OR A GROUP OF STATES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE'S INTERESTS. END QUOTE.

2. EGYPTIAN VP HUSNI MUBARAK, WHO WILL REPRESENT SADAT AT OAU SUMMIT, ALSO MADE STATEMENT CARRIED IN AKHBAR AND GUMHURIYYA JANUARY 6 STATING THAT EGYPT OPPOSES ANY FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AND SUPPORTS THE RIGHT OF ANGOLAN PEOPLE TO EXERCISE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION WITHOUT INTERFERENCE OF FOREIGN POWERS. MUBARAK WILL DEPART FOR ADDIS ABABA JANUARY 9. MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MUHAMAD RIAD WILL HEAD GOE DELEGATION TO OAU FONMIN MEETING. MAESTRONE

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